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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING (ECFS)

January 18, 2008

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **In the Matter of Ronan Telephone Company Request for Waiver and
Extension of Time of Tribal Lands Bidding Credit Construction Requirement
for a Lower 700 MHz Band License;
WT Docket No. 06-231**

Notice of Ex Parte Presentations

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's *ex parte* rules (47 C.F.R. §1.1206) and the Public Notice herein (DA 07-5094, December 26, 2007), notice is hereby given (by means of the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS), that on January 17, 2008, representatives of Ronan Telephone Company, Jay Wilson Preston, Chairman of the Board, and Cynthia Preston; and a representative of Oki Communications, Lockley Bremner, met with Wayne Leighton, Special Advisor, Office of Commissioner Tate, regarding the above captioned matter. The subjects of the discussion included the information contained in the Request filed by Ronan Telephone for a waiver/extension of the Tribal Lands Bidding Credit construction requirement (filed on November 16, 2007), and the Comments recently filed in the Docket. In addition, the following information was presented: An update of the current status of the East Glacier Park service, and that service was initiated in East Glacier Park as of January 11, 2008. There was also a discussion of the regulatory requirements for the transfer of a wireless license. The attached written handout was also presented at the meeting.

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This letter is being electronically filed via the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ivan C. Evilsizer

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cc: Wayne Leighton

Message Pertaining to an FCC issue

Oki, nis -to na tanako, Pikuniquan. My English name is Lockley Bremner, and I am the manager of Oki Communications. The word "Oki" is a Blackfoot greeting, and this is exactly what my company is helping the residents of the rural Blackfeet nation do, greet the world and vice-versa. The Internet has opened up the world to all kinds of different cultures, yet Native Americans have lagged behind, in part due to challenges in the many reservations remote geographic settings, and grim economic climates that discourages outside investment.

The FCC recognized this, and established the Indian Telecom Initiative which included the Tribal Land Bidding Credit to help entice investment. The Ronan Telephone Company, who have established a successful telephone/data company on the Flathead Indian Reservation were enticed by the grant, and successfully bid for the 700MHZ license thanks to the credit. Not being local to Blackfeet country, they were convinced to enter into a partnership with the Blackfeet tribe who had studied the feasibility of establishing their own telephone company. The partnership conjoins the expertise of Ronan Telephone Company in the telecommunications industry and the Blackfeet tribe, whose Federal status gives it a competitive advantage for many grants and low-interest loans. From this partnership was born Oki Communications, an affordable high-speed wireless Internet company.

To the citizens of the Blackfeet Indian reservation living in remote rural areas served only by high priced DSL in Browning, and satellite or slow dial-up service elsewhere, Oki Communications is a Godsend. This statement is backed up by the fact that Oki has blown away its estimated first year customer projections. Several factors can be attributed to this early success including price, product, choice and trust in our customers.

The incumbent DSL and satellite companies took advantage of the lack of competition by charging a high price for their services, which left most of the reservation's high population of low-income customers offline or on slow dial up. Our price is only five dollars more for 10 times the speed of our competitors dial-up. Unlike our competition, we show trust in our customers by not asking for a deposit or running credit checks on our customers. Also, Oki does not charge an installation fee, making our service yet again much more affordable than the other local player. Word of mouth spread fast about how reliable and affordable our service is.

Oki's presence has been very positive for the Blackfeet citizens it serves. The incumbent telephone and data company has responded by offering the area a home office and Radio Shack store to better serve their customers. They have also offered sign-up deals for their DSL, which was not available before Oki became a player in the community. This improved service is most likely due to our presence and rapid growth, or perhaps their noticeable decline in data

service provision. The customer wins when they have a choice, which gives them a voice to say yes or no. This means so much to an economically challenged community.

Oki Communications is committed to serving the entire Blackfeet reservation. Many geographical, philosophical and financial obstacles are challenges that remain to be solved.

If the FCC will approve more time to complete the Tribal Land Bidding Credit build out requirement, both the Blackfeet Tribe and Ronan Telephone Company are committed to serving more than 75 percent of the reservation population and to make Oki Communications the dominant provider of telecommunications services in Blackfeet country.